



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Goundry Street Hitching Post Local Landmarking Proposed

The North Tonawanda Historic Preservation Commission has passed a motion to designate a hitching post near 286 Goundry Street as a Local Landmark.

This carved Medina sandstone hitching post dates from the development of the neighborhood, approximately 1890-1900. This is the last hitching post on City property. It reflects the historic character and fabric of the surrounding Sweeney Estate National Register Historic District and the Downtown Local Historic District.

The historic marker is currently in City storage as it was removed temporarily because of settling over the past 150 years. The hitching post should be reset into the ground using NYSDOT Type 304 material. This is commonly referred to as subbase or structural fill and will allow for a semipermanent foundation that both protects the marker from future uneven settling and any irreversible damage. This location would maintain the historical accuracy of this object and the historic fabric of the Sweeney Estate District.

The Local Landmark application has been filled out and submitted to the City of North Tonawanda. If this hitching post receives designation, it will ensure documentation and protection in the future should there be any maintenance work required for utilities or roads. Documenting historic markers also aids in telling the greater story of our City, the Erie Canal, and our collective built history.

There will be a Public Hearing at the November 23rd 2021 Council Workshop.